





From The Management.....

"Beyond Classroom" is a panorama of what happens here at The BGES School. A cursory glance at the magazine will tell you about the quality of education we impart to the students. It is a matter of pride that our school is much recognized and sought after by many in the great city of Kolkata- The City Of Joy. *Champaklal Doshi*

"While we try to teach the children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." It is needless to mention that we, know how true these wise words are. The young generation has a fresh mind to conquer the unknown. They can infuse the enthusiasm in us all over again. In all that they do, display the lively innocence of their souls. However they can be wrong at times. Hence, it is our duty to channelize their energy into skills.

Pradip Sheth

The BGES School is aiming at developing an all round personality and a sense of discipline, which can make the children real great persons. And if the children are trained to that level, we should feel that our country will have a good future.

Dinesh Mehta

Ancient India recognised the supreme value of education in human life. The ancient thinkers felt that a healthy society was not possible without educated individuals. Thus the objective of education was not merely to prepare the students to earn a livelihood, but also to infuse him with a strong desire to lead a good and virtuous life.

Nalini Parekh

Education stands on two prongs. One prong ofcourse consists of acquisition and assimilation of knowledge and the other, often neglected, comprises of VALUES. Honesty, dedication, sincerity, loyalty, courtesy and respect to elders are some of the values that children should learn and practice or else, education will be incomplete.

Rashmikant Seth



From The Headmasters' Desk

Success is the ultimate goal in everything we do in life..... and there are three ingredients of success: I. Ability

- 2. Motivation
- 3. Attitude

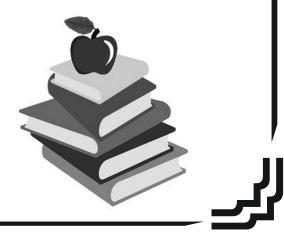
Ability is what is one capable of doing. The almighty has bestowed on each one of us numerous and precious talents. It is the motivation that determines what we do. Lastly the attitude is the driving force behind every endeavour; it is the wind in our sail and the fuel in our engines.

Our sincere appreciation of the wonderful "Beyond Classroom" June 2012 goes to Ms. Krishna Lakhani.

From our very own DHM.....

I scratched my head for a new definition of education that would explain the phenomena that we find nowadays in many schools and colleges quite widely reported in Media as well. There are many parents who say that the school is supposed to teach children values, principals and integrity and the school snaps back saying that if children do not see these being practised in their homes, the school cannot do much.

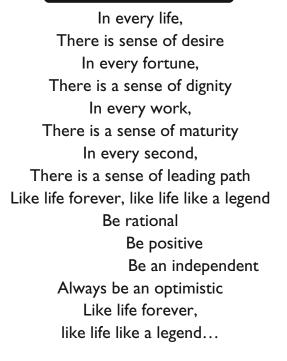
While the present education system needs to be revamped so that the aspirations of rising generations can be adequately met in their schools, parents should not forget that the family is the first school. We, at the B.G.E.S strive for excellence no matter what age-group or class we are. As rightly put by the first lady Prime Minister of India - Mrs. Indira Gandhi "When I talk about excellence it is constantly wanting to do better. Never being satisfied with what we have achieved. But always feel that we can do better.



• Time for Everything •

Take time to work, It is the price of Success. Take time to think. It is the source of Power. Take time to Play, It is the secret of perpetual Success. Take time to read. It is the foundation of Wisdom. Take time to be friendly, It is the road to happiness. Take time to dream, It is hitching your weapon to a star. Take time to Love, It is the privilege of the Gods. Take time to serve. It is too short a life to be selfish. Take time to laugh, It is the music of the soul.

• Sense Of Life •



By — Sejal Bhandari, VII A

Siddhi Rubarelia

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By: Dhwani Soni III B

• True Friends •

A great Roman statesman once remarked that friendship increases happiness and diminishes misery by doubling our joy and dividing our grief. What he meant is that a true friend is so delighted in our success and happiness that he\she receives as much pleasure from it ad we do ourselves. In the absence of friends, the world would be gloomy. It is of no use to attain wealth, power or honour, if you are devoid of a real friend. For it is a friend and his\her approval which doubles the pleasure. Joys become more intense and permanent by sharing with a friend. Friendship is an elixir which is essential for a happy and healthy life.

It is also true that friendship diminishes our misery and troubles when a friend shares it's burden. At the time of adversity, the advice and active assistance provided by a friend works like a medicine. Where a friendless man stands alone, exposed, unprotected by blows of misfortune; friendship provides a strong shield against such miseries. A friendship is without cast, creed, religion, class or status. It is a feeling of love, sharing and caring. It is a shoulder on which one can rest when burdened with sorrow.

Friendship is like an ever-flowing fountain, coming up from the bottom of the earth. It is an outgoing concern, much beyond the selfish motives. Life is mathematiccs and we should:

Add our friends,

• Subtract our enemies,

- Multiply our joys, and
- Divide our sorrows.

Lost Memories

Give me a second. Take me to the fairy land, Take me to the green, Till the blood- stains go pale. Let me lose a penny, To the rose-water lake. Will that be all? To the sins you met, The hollow tunnels of destiny, You walk through, As someone from heaven, Still watches you. No saint can now heal the heart, No hero can pay the price, As the lost pieces of glory, Is lost with the memories...

> Rishita Shah, VII A.

• Life

When you rise, it is the day At night it is difficult to find the way If you are wise, Then early you will rise Always you should learn from your mistakes Sometimes to correct them, a long time it takes Life is a circle just like a tyre, Earth can never be as straight as a wire The past is deep For small things, don't waste your pearl like tears and weep The sky is high Every now and then, there comes a question in our mind - Why? You should never lose your hope It is not that one has to be a religious as the hope The reality is always hidden Many things in lite are forbidden Life is a race where you cannot stop Everyone seeks the position of the top

> Pooja Shah, VIII A



• Don't Quit •

Don't Quit, never quit Always you should use your wit In this life everything you have to fear To live, many days are left If you always win, but once you lose, Keep youself fully amused If you are hurt by someone Just remember the days when you had fun If you have done something wrong, Just tell the truth and you'd feel strong

> Pooja Shah VIII A

●Nature.....I Love You●

Oh! Nature, don't be angry with me I understand your pain. Oh! Nature People of this world don't. I am with you, oh nature But people of this world are not. You see that people are cutting down the trees But you are one of my best friends. I just want to tell you that, Oh nature! Don't be angry with me, I do understand your pain.

> Rishita Shah VII A



● Time Waits For None ●



To realise the value of a year:Ask the child who has failed in the final exams.

• To realise the value of a month:-- Ask the student who has been ill and missed classes for a month.

> • To realise the value of a week :-- Ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realise the value of a one day:Ask the daily wage labourer who has five kids to feed.

To realise the value of a hour:Ask the one who could not reach the operation theatre.

To realise the value of a minute:Ask the person who has missed the Bus, Train or Plane.

• To realise the value of a millisecond:-- Ask the athlete who has won a silver medal.

> Mehul Mehta XA



My Shadow is my friend, He goes with me everywhere I go. He tries to copy my actions, He is neither to fast nor too slow. My Shadow is with me during day light, Sometimes my shadow is taller, And sometimes my shadow is shorter. My shadow gets vanished at night, As my shadow is afraid of dark night. My Shadow comes back to me, As soon there is bright sunlight. No one catch my shadow, As my shadow is very stronger. My shadow is my friend, He goes with me wherever I go. He copies each and every action of mine, He is neither too fast nor too slow.

> Sanket Mehta X B

●Surrender Your Mask●

Look where it has gotten you. Stranded with no sense of direction left. In what irration, destructive mind of yours You've drowned yourself in your own pool Of selfishness and arrogance. What happened to your 'always winning'? Or did the loser, finally lose? Or is it another one of your acts? Another character, disguising who you truly are. When will you reveal yourselves to us? Please step forward. Remove your mask. We will not judge you, but guide you. For as long as I should live, Will I ever get to see who you are inside?

Or will I die knowing only the person You want us to think you are? The day your body will meet the ground beneath Will your grave stone be without your name? Or will you make it, so that there is one?

• Fruits And Vegetables

Fruits and vegetables promote good health, It is the most important wealth. Vitamins, Minerals and Fibre we need, Results are in, we've all agreed.

Fruits and vegetables prevent diseases, Let's minimize those salty cheeses. Range of colours should be wide Fresh are better than frozen or dried. Fruits and vegetables, manage our weight, Healthy food on a white plate. They are natural; they'll keep us going, A healthy life starts with knowing.

> Rutaba Shirin Ali IX B

Kanan Shah X B

• Importance Of Education •

Education, a very important value, very helpful and very useful for success in life.Studies are very much needed for enjoying our life in future. Childhood is the time when we can improve ourselves a lot in studies and everything. So one should always study very hard in his childhood. Nowadays education is the most important thing and there is a lot of value given to education. By studying hard we would earn many things like money and values Educated people are always respected. Government has also opened schools that are known as government schools in which poor people who do not have money would be able to study without paying any types of fees. In earlier times during British rule there were very few schools and western education was done at schools.

To be a successful man, we should always try to study well and follow our teachers from the childhood. We should follow our books because they are considered as man's best friend. Education is the most useful thing in our entire life.

> Ayush Kumar VI A





Music

Music is what makes you move, Music is that which makes you groove. Music can make you fight, While it can make everything alright. Music can take care of you when you are alone, Music can make everything feel like home. Music can harm and take away, Music can make you want to stay. Music is the only friend I possess, That paves my way to success. Music can choose for you new friends, And makes you learn new trends. Music can make you want to dance, And to prove yourself you have many a chance. Music is what keeps me alive, When I feel like I can't survive. Music is life, Music is soul, In life, Music plays an eminent role.

> Kavita Desai IX B

• Smile •

Smile is the language of love It is a way to our success Smile is to win the hearts, It is an expression that comes from within the hearts, Smile is worth a thousand actions That costs you nothing and makes you better Smile is an expensive medicine Gifted to every person Medicine to all disease that carries away our worries Smile is a sweet expression Loved by all and increases confidence too! So, smile a lot, as much as you can It won't cost anything.

Remembrance

My friend when I think of you, I think of all that we have been through. All the times when we used to argue and fight I know deep inside that it wasn't right.

I then feel bad and a lot of pain It feels like I've fallen from the sky as rain. I love you dear friend with all my heart, But now that you are gone, I've fallen apart.

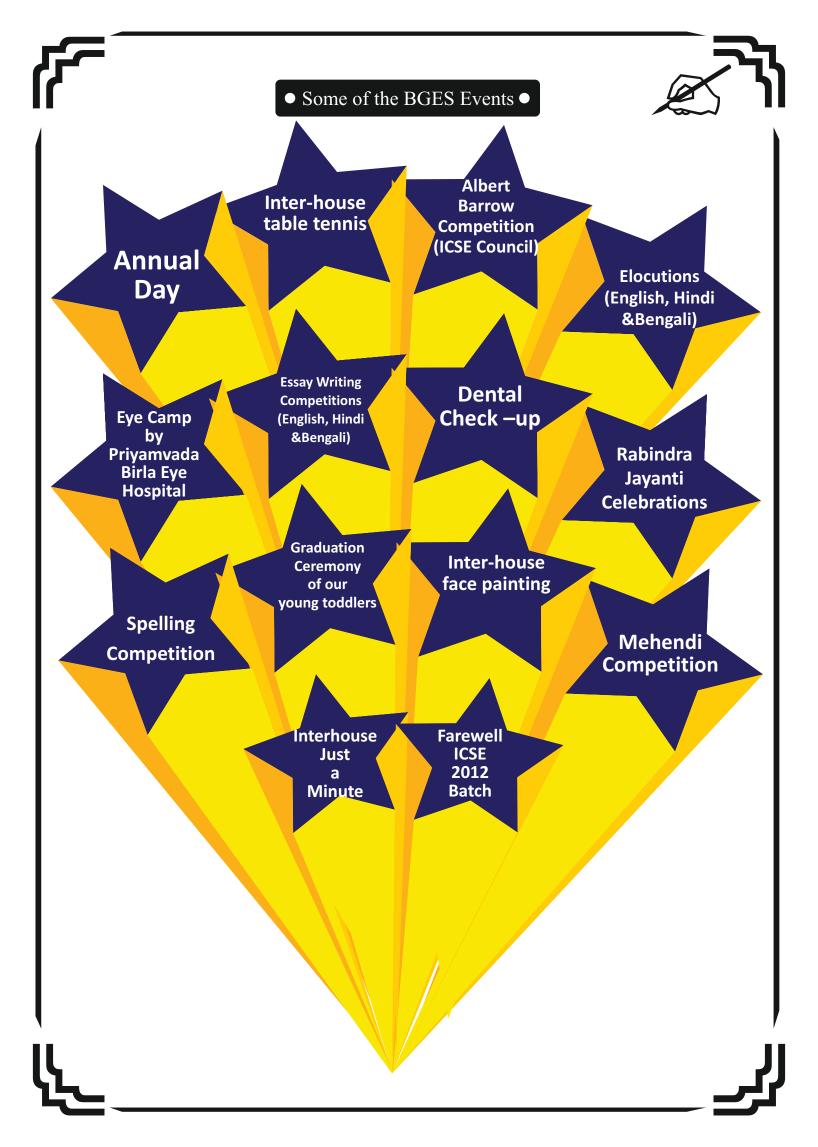
I am feeling better as the days are going by, Although I feel it was all a big lie. Dear friend, I pray for you every night. In my life, you are the burning light.

My dear friend, I miss you a lot I wonder why we are in such a spot When you were with me, I had no fear I know you are in a better place than here.

Our friendship, my dear friend.... Can never meet such an end, I believe, someday we will be together And that time will be-forever.

> Tanvi Mehta X B

Rohan Gohil X B



● Inter-House Carrom Tournament ●

The Inter-House Carom Tournament began on 13th of June and continued till 22th of June, 2012. It was between the four houses of the school – TAGORE, NEHRU, PATEL, and GANDHI. It was played in three formats – Boys' Singles and Doubles and Girls' Singles. All the matches were nerve-cracking. The Semi-finalists, Runner-up and Winner of the Boys' Singles were Keval Mehta, Harsh Modi, Md. Naved and Bhavyan Sanghvi (Winner) respectively. The Runner-up and Winner of the Girls' Singles were Anjali Ugreja and Tanvi Mehta (Winner) respectively. The Runners-up and Winner of the Boys' Doubles category were Preet Dave and Sachin Kr. Mukhiya, Dhairya Modi and Nisharg Mehta (Winners) respectively. We came to know many different shorts from our partners and other players even from our opponents. There were many luck by chances. There were many cheering group of respective houses. Each one had showed their full talent in the game. The players during the finals were being tensed..... Thus it was an exhilarating and exciting experience.

Dhairya Modi IX B

• Inter House Vernacular Elocution Competition •

I Yashvi Vora am a part of the BGES School since last 11 years. Our school has been conducting several co-curricular activities such as debate, dance, drama, sport tournaments..., and one of them is elocution competition.. Elocution is a recitation in which someone is taught to recite clearly and in an accent.. In our school an inter house hindi elocution takes place once every year.. Students willingly participate in the elocution competition. There are four houses., from each house there are two representatives.. Every representative gives his/her best through their recitation.. Every participant recites the poem with great emotions, which the poem demands.. Our school provides a platform for such students to showcase their talent... Through this competition students earn confidence, courage and boldness to face the audience... Such competitions serve to be self-competing for the students... I was a part of this competition, and got to learn much from the participants...These competitions are hosted well by the students and prefects and captains play a major role by making all the arrangements and keeping the audience quiet... The captains, prefects perform their duties well in such competitions... I have always been wondering about taking part in elocution competitions when I see my fellow mates perform well in it.....!!!!!!!

Yashvi Vora IX A

Inter-House - Just-A-Minute



Just-a-minute competition was held between the four houses of our school – TAGORE, NEHRU, PATEL, and GANDHI and the participants were from classes V-X. There were many events played during the Just-a-minute Tournament. Each events were only of a minute, as the name suggests to us - Just-a-MINUTE. It was very exciting and nice to see the events. There were 6 participants from each house who were selected by the house mistress. There were many new types of games like – drinking of a 200ml Frooti in a minute; how many catches could be taken in a minute etc. All the participants tried to do their best, but as we all know there is only one who is the best, others must be better but not the best. All the participants worked very hard to achieve the goal but eventually one house was successful. They entertained the audience a lot. It was an enjoying and a sweet memory for all of us.

Ujjwal Shah IX B



Our school holds a lot of medical check-ups for the welfare of the students. Some of the check-ups include eye check-up, dental check-up and urine test. Being a prefect, I have to be on my duty and during the duty. The visiting doctors and nurses are very polite towards the students because we can interact with them easily without hesitation. They not only identify the problems but also try to help us improv our health. If there is a major problem, doctors insist that we must visit the hospital and do check-ups there. Check up in the school is held annually and free of cost. Parents who don't get time to visit the doctors and do regular checkups are free of any tension now because their children are sure to be safe, fit and fine. So the experience of an eye camp is just wonderful because I not only fulfil my duty there but also gain knowledge over there. You must experience one....

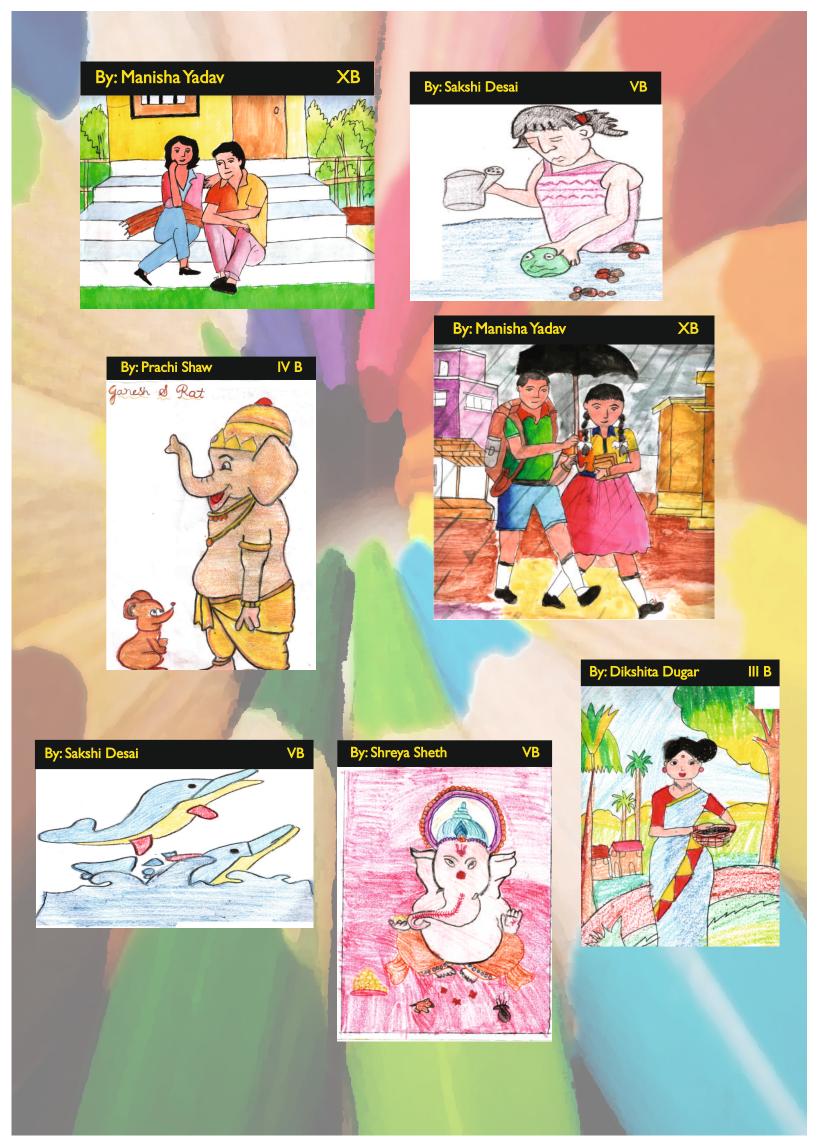
Mahi Lakhani IX A

• Albert Barrow Essay Writing Competition •

The Albert Barrow Essay Writing Competition was held on 23rd April 2012 in our school. A number of topics were given to us out of which I selected the most interesting one- "which changes you want to bring about in the world during your lifetime?"

I was chosen as the representative of the Patel House. The competition acted as a wonderful platform for honoring our innate literary talents from within the students. I also won the 2nd prize in this competition which has not only made me confident but has also helped in improving my vocabulary.

Kavita Desai IX B





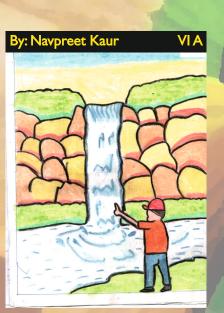




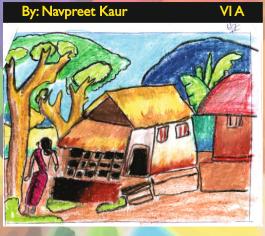
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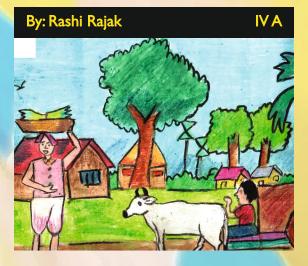
Nursery





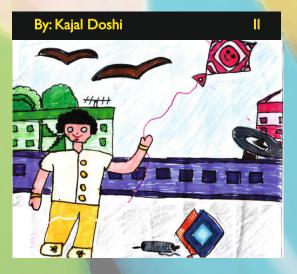
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- The shortest war on record was between Britain and Zanzibar lasted for 38minutes
- The international code for telephone dialing for Antartica is 672
- Camel's milk does not curdle
- The symbol on the "pound" key (#) is called an octothorpe
- The slanted line (/) that divides dates, fractions, choices etc is called a virgule
- The most common name in the world is Mohammed
- According to the Guiness Books of Records, "floccinaucinihilipilifaction" is the longest real English word
- The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a or reef triggerfish, is Hawaii's unofficial state fish
- Nauru is the only country in the world with no official capital
- Cleopatra's last name was Ptolemy, and she was Greek rather than Egyptian
- The word "bookkeeper" is the only word in the English language with three, back to back double letter combinations
- The dinosaur Stegosaurus grew to 9metre in length but had a walnut sized brain
- The largest employer in the world is the Indian Railway System, employing over I.5million people
- The Finnish world "SAIPPUAKIVIKAUPPIAS" a soapstone seller, is the longest known palindrome in any language
- One thousand is the first number which contains "A"
- A googol is I followed by hundred zeroes
- Of all the words in the English language, the word "set" has the most definations
- The longest word which can be spelled without the repitation of letters is "uncopyrightable"
- Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a "Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest"
- The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries

Karan Shah X A

India - "My Beloved"

"I know there is an India,but I wonder if there are any Indians"

This sad statement was made by an Indian himself -a great leader,Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. In a nation which has been a slave to a varied rulers ranging from Mughals to British, it is painful to see the great divide between the rural as the urban panorama.

Every nation is not fortunate enough to boast of a heritage like the Indian heritage. No nation is like India where every form of religion, outlook, thought-current is embraced whole-heartedly it is our duty to scrutinize and appreciate every aesthetic from that is presented to us.

Nations may have freed from the clutches of colonists, but the fact that remains etched in the bloody pages of history is millions of lives were sacrificed on the alter of war for a single word, 'independence', for single identity of being an Indian Sri Aurobindo once wrote "The soul of India triumphed first in religion," and this religion is "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached". These inspiring words echoed in the ears of our forefathers and they reached the goal of independence.

The sad fact is that inspite of being well aware of their folly, the Indian youth is foolish enough to miscomprehend the gravity of the dilemma. A feeling erupts within me wherever a little boy is seen begging for some coins and to makes us aware that we have not yet received independence in the true sense of the term.

Being a daughter of this soil I wish for the prosperity of my motherland in every field and to my youthful friends my greeting is simple, "Let's not ask what our country did for us, but what but we can do for our country"

> Apeksha Desai X B

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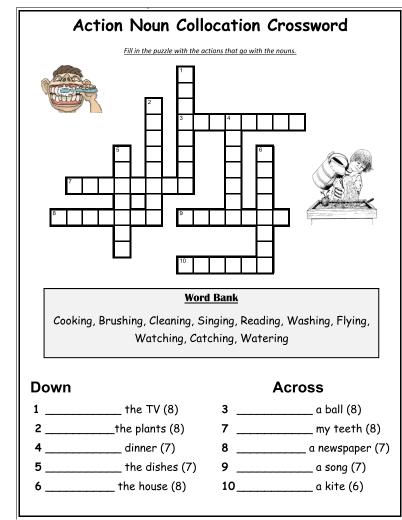
CHRISTMAS EASTER DECEMBER CHINESE NEW YEAR HALLOWEEN TREAT FESTIVAL COSTUME BOAT LOVERS DAY PRESENTS

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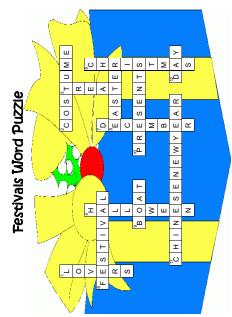
- 2. I like to wear a monster ____ at
- Halloween.
- 6. Which is your favourite _____?
- 8. At _____, we eat chocolate eggs.
- 9. I like the Chinese Dragon _____ festival because we can watch boat races.
- 10. I love Christmas because I get many
- 11. We get lucky money during _
- 12. We wear green clothes on St. Patrick's

Down

- Valentine's Day is a holiday for ______.
 Children usually say, " Trick or _____" during
- Halloween.
- 4. On october 31, we celebrate
- 5. I like _____ because we get presents from Santa Claus.
- . 7. Christmas is on _____ 25.



Solution to Festival crossword



● Straight From The Heart ●



Breaking free from the shackles of an alien rule, and stepping into the desirable state of independence is a common story that almost every country shares. Today it has been 65 years after the birth of "New Mother India", a "Free Mother India" which was born from the womb of ancient civilisation and grown up with the blood of thousands who laid down their lives for her. The adulation I feel for this truly outstanding struggle is beyond all words. Never before had a movement united so many people. Never before had history witnessed a weapon so powerful, the weapon of non-violence.

It is only by introspection that one can indentify ones mistakes and so at this juncture, I feel it appropriate to look back at the path of freedom.

It is rightly said that when good things come to our life, we hardly notice them. We only enjoy the fruits. It is disheartening to see todays youth being indifferent to the sacrifices of the previous generation. Today's generation is so busy toting their cell-phones, I-pads and Ipods that they hardly spare a thought for the sacrifices made in yester years. The feeling of patriotism is absent in them. For them a picture of Bhagat Singh means nothing more than a boring history chapter that cannot be avoided.

It really puts me to shame when I see our country getting into the arms race with its neighbours and even dreams to be a Nuclear Superpower, turning a bling eye to the plight of the millions of undernourished. The politicians give long speeches on upliftment of the poor and government creates scheme after scheme but they all are rarely implemented.

The situation in India has hardly changed. In the yester years we placed our blind trust on the English traders and today we are too involved in our attempts to strike it big. When shall we wake up, become patriotic citizens and learn the value of a strong "no"?

I hope my countrymen will not call me a cynic but rather join me in this pledge I take. From hence forth my identities of religion, caste creed stand meaningless. The only identity that defines me now is the identity of being an Indian. I offer my full devotion to my country. I would like to quote Rabindranath Tagore, "My father, let my country awake". My dear countrymen, the success of my endeavour lie in your hands. I hope you will not let me down.

Kanan Shah (X B)



पहेलियाँ

नन्हा-सा कीट हूँ बल्व-सा चमकता, पास कभी अपने टॉर्च नही रखता।

उत्तर -जुगनू चार अक्षर का एक है शब्द आधा कर,हो जाए नत, जो अपना ले, किस्मंत बदलूँ जो दूर रहे-तो समझो मृत।

उत्तर - महनत आँधी मैं बनूँ कभी-कभी कभी हूँ तुफान, दिखति किसी को नही सबकी पर मैं हूँ जान।

उत्तर - हवा शुबह चलुँ-शाम चलुँ चलुँ दिन ओर रात, वक्त की हूँ साथी बँध कर रहती सवके साथ।

उत्तर - घड़ी संकलनकर्ता - आकाश अग्रवाल कक्षा-२० ब

कुछ अच्छी बाते

सर्वोत्तम दिन - आज सबसे उपयुक्त समय - आभि सबसे बुरा पाप - भय सबसे खतरनाक वस्तु -घृणा सबसे बड़ी आवश्यक्ता - सामान्य ज्ञान सबसे बड़ी बाधा - अधिक बोलना सबसे बड़ी भूल - समय की बर्बाद

> - **मानसी से**ठ VIII-A

मेरा यग्य

हवा सा चंचल, शिला सा कठोर, और तुफानो सा क्रूर लेकिन प्रकृति से ही मैने सवक पढ़ा भाग्य को अपने वश में कर लिया वृक्षों सा त्याग, धरा सी सहनशिलता और पर्वतों की अडिगता लेकर मैं भिड़ गया अपने भाग्य से, वे बेचारा बेबस होकर कैद हो गया मेरी मुट्ठी में।

> By श्रद्धा शाह VIII-A

मेरे जीवन का सपना

मेरे जीवन का सपना है कि मैं कपिल देव जैसा क्रिकेटर बनुं। इस खेल ने मुझे बहत कुछ सिखाया है,जैसे यह खेल हमें अनुशासन और टीम-भावना सिखाता है। इस खेल ने मुझे यह भी सीखने को मिला कि अपने प्रतिद्धंदी को कभी कमजौर नहीं समझना चाहिए। भारतवर्ष मे क्रीकेट के खेल का आरमं १७२१ में हुआ। यह कांमनवेल्थ का खेल है पर अब भारत मे भी बहुत लोकप्रिय है। कुछ साल पहले तक इस को इतना महत्व नहीं दिया था परंतु आज इस खेल का महत्व बहुत बढ गया है। आजकल हर स्कुल में इसका प्रशिक्षण दिया जाता है जिसमे बच्चों मे अनुशासन,टिम भावना की सीख भर उठ। यह खेल मेरा प्रिय खेल हैं और में अपने इस सपने को पुरा करना चाहता हूँ, जिससे मेरे माता-पिता का भी नाम रोशन कर सकुँ।

चुटकुले



एक नाव में तौन आदमी जा रहे थे, अमरिकी, जापानी और हिन्दुस्तानी अमरिकी ने कहा मेरे देश में बहुत रुपये है, यो वह जितने भी रुपये लाया था वह पानी में डाल दिया। जापानी ने कहा मेरे देश में बहुत डिव्वे है, वह जितने भी डिव्वे लाया था वह भी पानी में डाल दिया। फिर हिन्दुस्तानी बोला मेरे देश में बहुत आदमी है, तो उसने दोनों ही आदमी को पानी में फेंक दिया।

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वाह री। परीक्षा! लिखो तो मुशिकल न लिखो तो मुशिकल नम्बर मिले या न मिले काॅपी ते भरनी ही पड़ेगी, रात-दिन लिखना ही पड़ेगा।। सबने पूछा घर पर बेटा पेपर कैसा था, अच्छा कहो तो मुशिकल, अच्छा कहो तो प्रथम आना है, बुरा कहा तो मार खाना है।

> औफ कैसी ये पढ़ाई, पढ़ो तो मुशिकल, न पढ़ो तो मुशिकल।

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संसार भर में माँ का स्थान सबसे ऊँचा होता है, माँ को जननी भी कहा जाता है। वह हमें खिलाती, पिलाती, और पढ़ाती है। माँ का दिल बहुत बड़ा होता है। उसमें प्यार ही प्यार भरा होता है। वह हमारी गलतियों को माफ कर देती है, किन्तु गलतियों को लिये डाँटती भी है। उसका डाँटना या मारना तो सच्चा प्यार है, क्योंकि वह अपने तरीके से हमें कुछ बनाना चाहती है। बीमार होने पर, और सब भले सो जाएँ या दूर चले जाएँ, परन्तु माँ, वह तो जैसे अपने बच्चे को छाती से चिपकाकर रहती है। मेरी माँ संसार का एक अनमोल रत्न है।



তুষারের দেশে

গত বছর গরমের ছুটিতে গিয়েছিলাম তিব্বত সীমান্তের ভেতর মায়াবী রাজ্য ইয়ুমথাং-ত্র দুপুরে সিকিমের রাজধানী গ্যাংটক থেকে রওনা হয়ে পথের বড় বড় পাহার,গাছ,এলাচের ক্ষেত,ঝর্ণা দেখতে দেখতে সন্ধ্যাবেলা মিষ্টি সুরের ঘুঙুর বাঁধা লাছুং-চু নদীর ধারে পাহাড়ে ঘেরা ছোট্ট গ্রাম লাচুং-এ পৌঁছে গেলাম। পরদিন সকালে উঠে দেখি চারিদিকে বরফে ঢাকা রূপালী রঙের পাহাড় ও অজস্র দীর্ঘদেহী পাইনের বন। এখান থেকে ২৪ কিলোমিটার দূরে ইয়ুমথাং।

পথ যতই এগোতে থাকে,জঙ্গল ততই ঘন হয়। গাছে গাছে হাজার হাজার রঙের জলছবির আলপণা। চারিদিকে ২৪ রকম রকমের রডোডেনড্রন ও নানা রঙের প্রিমুলা,লিলি,স্নেকলিলি,অর্কিড ও বহু নাম না জানা বনফুলের সমারোহ।

পথের শেষে ঝকঝকে নীল আকাশের নীচে বরফে ঢাকা বিশাল ইয়ুমথাং উপত্যকা সোনালী সূর্যের আলোয় ঝিক্ মিক্ করছে চারিদিকে গাছপালা বরফের চাদর গায়ে দিয়ে দাঁড়িয়ে আছে। দূরে বয়ে চলেছে ইয়ুমথাং নদী াসমগ্র উপত্যকা ঘিরে অতন্দ্র প্রহরীর মত দাঁড়িয়ে সুউচ্চ পর্বত রাশি ৷দূরে সমতলে চরে বেড়াচ্ছে এক পাল চমরী গাই।

আমরা সাদা পেঁজা তুলোর মত বরফ নিয়ে পুতুল বানালাম ও বরফের বল বানিয়ে একে অপরের দিকে ছুঁড়তে লাগলাম।মাঝে মাঝে মসৃণ বরফে আমাদের পা পিছলে যাচ্ছিল,কখনও বা বরফ ভেঙে গর্ত হয়ে তার মধ্যে পা ঢুকে যাচ্ছিল।

এভাবে কিছু সময় কাটাবার পর আমরা নদীর ওপরের কাঠের সেতু পেরিয়ে উষ্ঞপ্রস্রবণ দেখে ফিরে চললাম।পরদিন সকালে 'কাটাও' সীমান্তের সূর্যোদয়ের রঙের খেলা দেখে মুগ্ধ হৃদয়ে আমরা ফিরে চললাম ঘরে। মা আমাদের সবৰেচয়ে কাছের মানুষ,প্রাপের মানুষ,ভালোবাসার মানুষ,ভালোলাগার মানুষ। শিশুর জন্মের পর যখন সে ভালো করে শুনতে বুঝতে বা দেখতে পারেনা তখন কিন্তু সে নরম নিশ্চিন্ত আশ্রয় পায় তার মায়ের কোলে ৷তাই সে পরম শান্তির জায়গাটি খোঁজে মায়ের ওই ছোট কোলটির মধ্যে ৷এরপর যখন সে আস্তে আস্তে বড় হয়ে উঠতে থাকে সেই মানুষৰিটর শাসনে লালনে আর আদরে আর সেই সঙ্গে তার মা হয়ে ওঠে তার সবচেয়ে কাছের মানুষ থেকে সবচেয়ে প্রিয় বন্ধু ৷তাই একমাত্র মা-ই হচ্ছে একমাত্র মানুষ যার কাছে সবকিছু প্রাণের কথাখুলে বলা যায়,যার কাছে সবকিছু আবদার করা যায় এমনকি তার ওপর রাগও করা যায়। ঠিক তেমনই মা-ও তার সমস্ত আদর,আবেগ,ভালবাসা ও ভাললাগা সমস্ত কিছু উজার করে দেয় তার সন্তানের উপর ৷মা যেমন তার সন্তানকে ভালবাসতে পারে তেমনই সন্তানের বিপদে সে তার নিজের জীবন বিপন্ন করে রুখে দাঁড়াতেও পারে। তাই তো বলা হয়েছে কু-সন্তান যদিও হয় কু-মাতা কখনই নয়। তাই মা আর সন্তানের এই চিরন্তন ভালবাসা যুগযুগ ধরে চলে আসছে ৷পৃথিবীতে যতদিন প্রাণের স্বন্দন থাকবে ততদিন বেঁচে থাকবে সদা সুন্দর,সদা সত্য মা আর সন্তানের সুন্দর সস্কর্ক। মানালী বসু

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আমার স্কুল

সাদা রঙের ঐ বাড়িটি নামটি তার ভ্বানিপর ম্বুল কোলকাতা ভ্বানিপরে, ঘুম কেড়েছে লোকের মত।

সামনে ময়দান,সবুজের ধৃম, কত খেলা কত মেলা, খোলামেলার এই আসরে সবাই আসে জোর কদমে।

এতো গেল বাইরের কথা. ভিতরে এসে চেয়ে দেথ, ছেলেপিলের দৌড় ঝাঁপে হাসিখুশির মজার হাট।

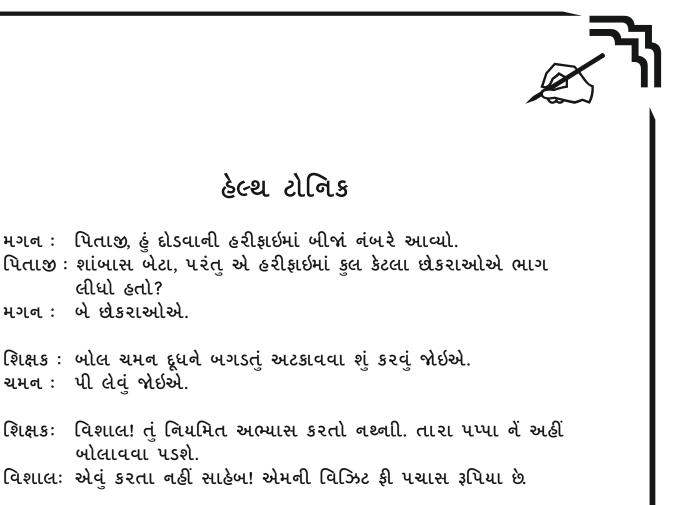
> আনন্দের এই বন্যা স্রোতে, আরো আছে কতরকম পড়া খেলার যুগল মিলন, জয়ের ধারায় মাতে যে মন।

পাঠ্যক্রমের ওপরে দেখি। ব্যক্তি সত্তার স্ফুরণ তরে বিতর্ক সভার আসর বসে, বাচ্চা মুখে তুবড়ি ছোটে।

মন মাতানো খেলা কত, ফুটবল ক্যারম্ ক্রিকেট যত, তাস দাবা পিং - পং ভলি, বাস্কেট বলে হুড়োহুড়ি

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